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Amendment

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"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AND THE CHRONICALLY UNEMPLOYED."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2013,
4 the Labor Department, in collaboration with Workforce Investment
5 Boards within the state, shall conduct a study of programs offered to
6 individuals seeking employment within the state. The topics of such
7 study shall include, but not be limited to:

8 (1) The location, ownership and management of Workforce
9 Investment Board offices within the state;

10 (2) The number of employees dedicated to assisting individuals
11 seeking employment in each Workforce Investment Board office;

12 (3) The number of individuals seeking employment that are served
13 through each Workforce Investment Board office on an annual basis;

14 (4) The number of employers that utilize Workforce Investment
15 Boards throughout the state;

16 (5) The type of training programs offered by each Workforce
17 Investment Board and the frequency that such training is offered;

18 (6) Whether training programs offered by individual Workforce
19 Investment Boards are planned in conjunction with the department to
20 maximize efficiency and avoid duplication of resources;

21 (7) The type and quality of casework assumed by each Workforce
22 Investment Board, including the process by which individuals seeking
23 employment are documented and the number of such individuals who
24 are served through each office;

25 (8) Whether an individual seeking employment can simultaneously
26 participate in a state-operated employment program through the
27 department and a Workforce Investment Board program; and

28 (9) The methods by which the department and Workforce
29 Investment Boards coordinate employment programs in each region of
30 the state.

31 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, the department shall submit, in
32 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
33 a report to the General Assembly detailing the findings of the study
34 conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

35 Sec. 502. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2013, the
36 Labor Department, in cooperation with the regional workforce
37 development boards, shall establish a one-year pilot program to
38 address the issue of long-term unemployment in the state. Such pilot
39 program shall be established in one county in the state and shall
40 provide services for up to six hundred individuals, including veterans
41 and individuals between eighteen and twenty-four years of age, who
42 have exhausted their unemployment benefits. The pilot program shall
43 provide: (1) An eight-week wage subsidy for participants; (2) intensive

44 job readiness training; (3) personal financial coaching and budgeting
45 assistance; (4) confidence building exercises; and (5) information
46 regarding mental and behavioral health concerns to participants and
47 their families.

48 (b) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Labor Commissioner shall
49 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
50 the general statutes, on the establishment and operation of the pilot
51 program authorized under this section to the joint standing
52 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
53 relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public
54 employees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
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